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Amendment

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 21-28 have been added. Thus, claims 21-28 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tektronix (Oscilloscope TDS 300 Series Manual) ("Tektronix"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

In the above amendment Applicants have canceled claims 1-20 without prejudice, which renders these rejections moot.

Applicants have added new claims 21-28. The new claims are supported by original claims 1, 6, 9 and 15, as well as the specification at, for example: page 8, lines 21-25; page 9, lines 2-7; page 44, line 19 to page 45, line 8; page 49, line 22 to page 50, line 4; and FIGS. 25 and 26.

In new independent claim 21 an audio signal supplied from a recording medium storing the audio signal or via a communication link is analyzed to generate an image based on a result of the analysis. For example, see Applicants' specification at page 8, lines 21-25 and page 9, lines 2-7. Accordingly, various kinds of music can be used to generate an image in these claims.

Furthermore, an image based on the result of the analysis indicates the timing to manipulate a predetermined control member selected from a plurality of control members of a

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controller. For example, see Applicants' specification at page 49, line 22 to page 50, line 4, and FIGS. 25 and 26.

New independent claims 23, 25 and 27 include similar language.

The features recited in the new independent claims are not disclosed or suggested in the Tektronix reference. Therefore, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are allowable over the reference.

Fees Believed to be Due

When this application was filed a fee was paid for a total of 20 claims with 4 claims being independent claims. The above amendment has resulted in there now being a total of only 8 claims with 4 claims being independent claims. Thus, no extra claims fees are believed to be due.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the above amendments and remarks place the pending claims in a condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (858) 552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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Respectfully submitted,



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